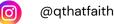


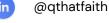
Sacred Heart Catholic Parish, Kew

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Mass Times Weekdays

9:15am Tues -Sat

Weekend

6:00pm Saturday Vigil 9:30am Sunday

Confessions

Saturday 9:00am & 9:45am & 5:45pm Sunday 9:15am

Eucharistic Adoration

Saturdays 9:45am

Baptisms

Last Sunday of the month.

Other Sacraments

Please contact parish office or visit parish website

1st Collection:

To maintain parish house & support Fr Michael Kong BSB: 083 347

Account #: 663 832 561

2nd Collection:

For the running of and upkeep of the Church BSB: 083 347

Account #: 682 606 383



Make an online donation

Please Remember in Prayer

Unwell: James May, Stephanie Purra, Michael Tymms, Albert Leung, Elizabeth Rossiter, Sam Siragusa and Rosa Cimino

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Kitty Stewart, Kathleen D'Arcy Gwen and Michael Walsh

Mass Intentions: If you would like to offer Mass for anyone, please let us know in advance.

Upcoming Feasts & Solemnities:

Announcements

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to assist with our various parish group, especially for our Power Point Presenter on Saturday Vigil Mass.

Responsibilities:

- · Type the hymns
- Ensure the projector displays the correct slides at the appropriate moments during the Saturday Vigil Mass

Please contact the parish office if you are interested in assisting us.

Please note that all volunteers are required to get a Working With Children Check in order to participate. Thanks for your understanding.

Christmas Mass Times

- Wednesday, December 24
 - 5:30 PM: Christmas Eve Family Mass
 - 8:00 PM: Christmas Eve Mass
- Thursday, December 25
 - 9:30 AM: Christmas Day Mass

We cordially invite you to join us for Christmas Mass.

This is a moment for us to gather as one parish family and warmly welcome Jesus, who arrives among us with simplicity and love.

Children are encouraged to come dressed as any character from the Bible, their favourite Saint or Christmas theme at the 5:30 pm, Christmas Eve Family Mass on 24 Dec.

Do you remember the Jubilee Year Pilgrim Passport event we mentioned earlier this year?

If you bring your passport to Mass next Sunday (4th Advent), Fr Michael will check the stamps, and the person with the most stamps will receive a small gift! We look forward to seeing your participation!

Congratulations on The Sacred Heart Year 6 Students on their Graduation. We wish all the students and school families a great and safe Christmas Holidays.

For The First Sunday of Advent, the contributions amounted to \$3,761.70 while our weekly running costs amount to \$4,500. Please help us to move towards reaching that target so that we can maintain this beautiful church and keep our parish up and running.

Weekly Expenditure	\$4,500.00
Offertory Collection	\$3,761.70
Difference	-\$738.30

First Reading

Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10

Let the wilderness and the drylands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145: 6-10

R. Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. **R**.

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

Second Reading

James 5: 7-10

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 11: 2-11

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.' As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

Lord, may we the parishioners of Sacred Heart strive to be people of the Gospel and prayer.

Imprint in our hearts a deep desire for your Word and a love of the Eucharist.

Motivate us to be an engaging, welcoming, and supportive community.

Help us to be a people of compassion and justice for all.